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Confirmation No.:) Examiner: Kenneth W. Nolan
Title: METHOD OF POST PROCESSING OCR INFORMATION OBTAINED
FROM MAILPIECES USING A CUSTOMER SPECIFIC KEYWORD
DATABASE AND A MAILPIECE SORTING APPARATUS

Response to Notice Regarding Drawings

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Sir:

In response to the Notice Regarding Drawings mailed July 21, 2004, Applicants would like to memorialize a conversation applicant's undersigned attorney, Christopher J. Capelli, had with Mr. Tyrone Johnson of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 4, 2004 as set forth below.

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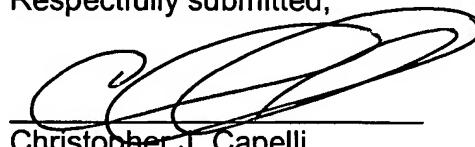
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On August 4, 2004 applicants undersigned attorney contacted Mr. Johnson who signed the PTO-948 form and explained that the smears set forth in Fig. 3a were intentional and necessary. The drawing sheet for Fig. 3a, at Mr. Johnson's request, was then subsequently faxed to his attention. Later on that day, applicant's undersigned attorney received a phone call from Mr. Johnson indicating that if Fig. 3a was the only objection set forth in the PTO-948 form then applicants can ignore this objection and the drawings will then be allowed for issuance.

Since Fig. 3a was the only objection set forth in the PTO-948 form, it is submitted the drawings, along with the entire application, are now in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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